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To: All California Offices

From: DSD, Natural Resources

Subject: Statewide Wild and Scenic River Workshop

DD: January 28, 2002

Due to recent events and continued interest in wild and scenic rivers (WSRs) administered by the State of California and federal agencies it is important our field managers and their staffs have the necessary tools to interpret and implement WSR policies and direction. Within the past two years the California BLM State Office has received three Freedom of Information Act requests related to WSRs. In addition, the U.S. Forest Service (Los Padres National Forest) has been sued by the Center for Biodiversity. Nationally, there are numerous lawsuits involving WSRs and a growing interest in how river-administering agencies carry out requirements under the WSR Act.

As agencies develop and amend their land use plans, it is important all field offices consistently apply policies and procedures in conducting suitability determinations for eligible rivers, initiate protective management for values identified, and collaborate in developing comprehensive river management plans for designated WSRs. Our intent is to provide all California offices with a strong working knowledge of the BLM's 8351 WSR Manual Section and Land Use Planning Handbook [H-1601-1], Appendix C.III related to Special Designations.

We have scheduled February 26-28, 2002 for a workshop on WSRs at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California. Target participants for this workshop include: managers, river managers, planners, riparian and watershed specialists, and any other staff with WSR responsibilities. Invitations will also be extended to other federal agency personnel as well as Friends of the River. Specific topics discussed at the workshop will include:

- The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, including Section 7 determinations
- Implications and lessons learned from litigation
- WSR studies, eligibility and suitability determinations
- Protective management requirements
- Comprehensive wild and scenic river management planning
- Implementation and management of Wild and Scenic Rivers

The workshop is designed to maximize participant involvement with ample time for questions and answers, group discussion, and case studies. Upon completion, each participant should have knowledge of the issues described above. There is no registration fee, however, travel and per diem is to be covered by each participant's home office.

The following information on lodging and per diem rates applies to this workshop:

- Location: Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA
- Phone for Reservations: 916-351-1500
- **Reservations to made by no later than January 28, 2002**
- Room Rates: \$79.00 per night
- M&I: \$42.00 per day
- Transportation to hotel either by car rental or Super Shuttle

Questions should be referred to Tim Smith of my staff at (916) 978-4644. Nominations for this workshop must be sent to Tim via e-mail, phone, or in writing no later than January 28, 2002.

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Attachment: Draft Agenda (3 pages)

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**California Wild and Scenic River (WSR) Management
Lake Natoma Inn
702 Gold Lake Drive
Folsom, CA
916-351-1500**

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Time	BLM
8:00 - 8:30	Overview of Rivers in California - Steve Evans, Friends of the River (FOR)
8:30 - 9:15	Welcome, Introductions, Issue Identification - Tim Smith & Gary Marsh (BLM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group Discussion
9:15 - 10:00	Genesis of the WSR Act & Implications for Agency Planning - John Haubert (NPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions and Answers
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	National Perspective, Lawsuits, Initiatives - Jackie Diedrich (USFS), John Haubert (NPS), Gary Marsh (BLM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions and Answers
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	WSR Study Process: Eligibility/Suitability - Jim Eicher (BLM) & Ron Stork (FOR) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on the LUP/RMP Process• Case Studies and Examples• Questions and Answers
2:30 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:30	WSR Study Process (Continued)

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Time	BLM
8:00 - 9:00	Protective Management of WSRs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WO Policy and Overview - Gary Marsh• Questions and Answers
9:00 - 10:00	Protective Management (Eligible & Suitable River Segments) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Study - South Yuba River - Jeff Horn/Jim Eicher• Questions and Answers
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	Case Studies - Protective Management of Eligible and Suitable River Segments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation - Mike Ayers• U.S. Forest Service - Phil Horning• Fishery Restoration - Bill Kuntz & Karl Stein• Questions and Answers
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	Section 7 of the WSR Act - Consistency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview & Lessons Learned from Litigation - Jackie Diedrich (USFS)• Statewide MOU - Jim Eicher (BLM), Phil Horning (USFS), Harry Williamson (NPS)• Questions and Answers
2:30 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:30	Section 7 Consistency (Continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Case Study - Harry Williamson (NPS)• Questions and Answers• Group Exercise

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Time	BLM
8:00 - 10:00	Comprehensive WSR Management Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview and National Level Policy - Gary Marsh• FS Plan - USFS• Merced River Management Plan - Yosemite NP, NPS• Questions and Answers
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	Management of WSRs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Policy - Gary Marsh• On-the-River Management - Jim Eicher and Jeff Horn• Questions and Answers
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	Management of WSRs (Continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lessons Learned• Questions and Answers
2:30 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:30	Session Close-out <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure all issues have been addressed - Tim Smith• Followup/Assignments - Tim Smith• Evaluation